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Beware Speeders: A Niagara Regional Police Constable demonstrates a scene that can be avoided, simply by driving according to the posted speed limit.

Photo by Blair Burgess

Deadly radar gun clocking 40 college drivers daily

By THERESA BOUDREAU
and BLAIR BURGESS
Staff Writers

Lurking in sideroads and driveways is a slick metallic-grey gun lying in wait to smack your car with its costly beam of radiation. It is not the Canadian Armed Forces ambushing you, it is a police radar gun.

The radar gun is "deadly accurate," says a Niagara Regional Police Constable who takes up to 40 ticketable readings on Niagara College cars per day.

Two Niagara News reporters joined the three-year veteran as he set up his radar gun and waited.

The bouncing beam of radiation the gun sent shooting down college-bound roads told a shocking story: almost every motorist speeds. Eighty to Ninety Km-h in a 50 km-h zone is very common — and very illegal.

Minute

It was a matter of minutes before the constable pulled over a speeding car full of Niagara College students. The car was clocked in excess of the speed limit. After letting the driver sweat for a while as the officer explained to us how to "run a make" on a driver, he let them off with a warning.

The constable quickly pointed out that the students are not immune to traffic tickets.

"Students are no different from anybody else. If they can afford to speed around the around the city, then they can afford to pay the speeding ticket and to lose points."

He wishes students would listen to his warnings. He often has to ticket students he has warned previously.

The constable demonstrated the versatility of the Mini-Quip radar gun his 1987 Chevrolet Caprice Classic is equipped with. Besides taking readings from a set point, the gun can take readings on cars coming towards it and those coming up from behind.

Travel

As we travelled down a straight stretch of road, tell-tale beeping sounds from the gun were set off with almost every car that passed. The gun registered a reading on one oncoming vehicle 54 Km-h over the posted speed limit."There is no automatic fine for that much over the limit," the constable said. "They have to go straight to court."

Besides losing money, an offender going 15 Km-h or more over the limit also loses points. Lose too many points and you're taking the bus to school.

As the constable explained,"At four points a ticket a student can lose his licence first term, if he gets a few tickets."

The police are always on the watch for alcohol and drugs in cars that they stop for speeding or other traffic violations. "If I smell marijuana or see even the most minute amount of alcohol, I have grounds to search the car."

Drugs

"Drugs and alcohol aren't a big problem with Niagara College students, but we're always looking for it."

Of 30 tickets the constable issued last month, eight were liquor offences, six were seatbelt-related, and the rest were speeding infractions. Most of the speeding tickets went to students. He has two words to sum up his message to students: "Don't speed!"

ΑΚΩ

1st college fraternity may be at Niagara

By ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writer

Niagara College may be the first community college in Canada to have a fraternity.

Jonathon Elliot and Pete Dipaola, first-year travel and tourism students, plan to establish a new fraterniy — Alpha Kappa Omega.

"We want to do this because it can be a great community thing, establishing leadership skills among members," Jonathon, fraternity president, said.

Jonathon and Pete, along with Steve Tracey, first-year business student and acting treasurer, and Rob Burkart, business accounting student in charge of publicity and advertising, hope to get about 100 members.

"I think that's a realistic total," Jonathon said.

The students have been planning the brotherhood since early September but their endeavors have not been without problems.

NOT AT COLLEGE

"None of the universities we spoke to would allow their fraternities at a college level," Jonathon said. "They felt college students weren't established money-wise and didn't think a fraternity should be in a college."

For these reasons Jonathon decided "to start from scratch."

He chose the name Alpha Kappa Omega for symbolic reasons.

"I did some research on all fraternity chapters and no one had this name," he said. "The first letter, alpha, means first — this will be the first college in Canada with a fraternity; and omega, which means until the end or all for one; that's what a brotherhood really is."

The fraternity hopes to be fully established by Dec. 1; the suggestion was well-received from the first.

At an organizing meeting Tuesday, "we told everyone about the fraternity; if they were interested in the pledging process they will be interviewed after a three week-rushing period," Pete said. "If they are acceptable, then they will be invited to join."

Alpha Kappa Omega is looking for first and second-year male students who are "outgoing and reliable."

WANT ACHIEVERS

"We don't want someone who just wants to drink and party all the time; we want achievers, someone enthusiastic, willing to go to the community and support charities," Jonathon said.

He said all pledges must pay a nominal fee to join, noting that "most college students don't have lots of money."

"There will be a $10 pledge fee and if they're accepted, a $35 initiation fee per term," he said. "After that, it's all personal spending on stuff like jackets and clothes."

Pete said pledges will be accepted or rejected based on a point system during the three-week pledge period.

"All pledges will get black books and are graded on enthusiasm and participation," Pete said.

Despite the fact that other colleges have tried to start fraternities and failed, this optimistic group think they can beat the odds.

"It will be successful," Pete said. "And if we are, there will be another pledging in January."

College Council needs some more nominees

The deadline for nominations to the new College Council has come and gone but some constituent groups still need more nominees.

The constituent groups are the President's Operating Committee(POC), faculty, support staff, administration, francophone, and students. The deadline for nominations was Oct. 7.

Meg Rose, president of the college's support staff union, must fill 10 seats on the council; by Oct. 11 she had six names. Mrs. Rose said the union shop steward would "touch bases" with the areas within the group which still needed to be filled.

Concerning the council itself, Mrs. Rose said, "I think it's the best thing to happen to the college in a long time."

Joan Hastings, president of the faculty union, believes the council "has great potential for the college."

The faculty has the largest representation on the council with 16 members. All areas were covered in the 22 nominations submitted, with some seats acclaimed and others to be contested for.

The Niagara College Administrative Staff Association (NASA) has five nominees for five positions, but the nominees do not match up with all the seats needed, and more names are required.

The francophone employee position has been filled. The POC required one appointed member, and by press time the Niagara News could not find out whether the position had been filled.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) needed to fill nine positions, and by Oct. 11 had 12 nominees — not representing all of its areas. The St. Catharines campus students needed to fill two positions, but the results were not known at press time.

The College Council, with the mandate to advise the president and promote communication and consultation within the college community, is to have elections Nov. 1 and its inaugural meeting on Nov. 8.

Board elections

Elections will be held in late November for two internal members of the Board of Governors to represent administrative staff and students.

the election is to be held over a three-day period, from Nov. 22 to 24. The terms of office of the two present members expire at the end of December.

Toasts, talks and good times were had by all at the wine and cheese reception for international students, in conjunction with Development Day, Oct. 3. Host Hugo Bessems is pictured here (in centre with glasses) with students from Libya, Syria and Lebanon in this third annual promotion of international interaction. Photo by Eric Beyer.

Niagara College welcomes 53 International students

College officials and guests gathered in honor of international students for a wine and cheese party in the Tecumseh lounge Oct. 3 to celebrate Development Day.

About 60 peole gathered "to welcome international students" and to commemorate "the first Monday of each October as Development Day," Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

There are 53 international students attending Niagara this year, one of the largest groups of international students ever at the college.

Development Day, observed across Canada in major centres, focuses attention on international development issues, and encourages the public to get more involved in Canada's development program.

This was the college's third annual reception for international students "and the most successful yet," Hugo Bessems, international student liaison officer, said.

VERY PLEASED

The guests included David Ross, a senior policy analyst for the Canadian International Development Agency. "We're very pleased to see this kind of gathering; it is something we encourage and something we support," he said.

Mr. Ross said CIDA sponsors 12,000 students per year: 6,000 in Canadian institutions, and 6,000 in other institutions throughout the world.

Hau-Xing Fu, a visiting scholar from China, said, "Canada is playing a major role in world peace."

Many international students attended, most from Botswana, Libya and Lebanon.

"One of the best places to live," Osama Sassi, 24, said about Canada. The Libyan student is studying computer engineering and hopes to stay in Canada permanently.

Bert Mills, a teacher in mechanical engineering technology, teaches several foreign students. He finds that foreign students are generally "excellent, serious students." As he spent a year in Lebanon and Syria, he feels he better understands students from those countries.

Canada has been officially providing assistance to developing countries since the 1950 Colombo Plan. However, in 1968, the foreign agency was made separate from the external affairs office, and was labelled CIDA.

Entrepreneur club offers business tips

Niagara College business students are getting an opportunity to learn how to start a business through the school's first Entrepreneur and Small Business club.

Carmen Elefante, sales student and spokesman for the club, is excited about the club, designed for those who are willing to test their abilities with new ventures and challenges.

He and Michael Ferreri, sales student, nurtured the idea of the club from last year after a fellow classmate had dreams of starting up small businesses but didn't know how.

"I had my own business," Carmen said. "Some people in my class wanted to start their own but didn't know the proper procedure — this club will show how it is possible."

PLAN VISITS

The club is planning lectures and seminars about motivation, steps to start a business, taxes, the availability of loans through Student Venture Capital, and visits from local successful businessmen.

Carmen said they have had one informal meeting but the turnout was very disappointing; their hope, now that the club is sanctioned by the Student Administrative Council, is that more students will be interested and get involved.

"We would also like people outside the college to join us," Mike said.

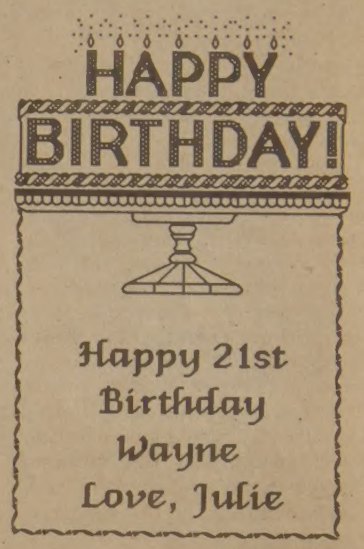
The new club will receive a grant from the government made available to entrepreneur clubs on Ontario campuses.

"They decide on the amount," Carmen said. "The amount of the grant is based on the activities, trips and our budget. We have to submit a budget to them — it's an informal technicality."

The club has received a great deal of support from within the college, Mike said.

The club already has plans to begin a small business within the college.

"We're thinking of running a used book store," Carmen said.



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Colleges isolate puffers

At least 11 of the 22 colleges in Ontario have adopted a smoking policy allowing smoking in designaed areas, and have had relately few complaints about the arrangement.

The Niagara News conducted a telephone survey of colleges. All have designated areas in which smoking is permitted. Nine have no present plans to impose further restrictions, though the possibility is there, while the other two, Seneca in Willowdale, and Sheridan in Oakville, hope to be completely smoke-free by September, 1989. Both admit the cost of proper ventilation was a large factor in their decision.

While each college reported some enforcement problems in the first year or so that the policy was in effect, each said that, after that initial adjustment period, the deliquent smokers — those smoking in non-designated areas — now represent a small minority. Many attribute the success of the policy to the accessibility of the smoking areas, the ample warning given to faculty and students before its implementation, and the fairness with which both the smokers' and the non-smokers' rights are being treated.

Almost all colleges have a designated area in each campus; some have one in each block of every building. Eight have a section of their cafeterias sectioned off for smokers and all the areas can be reached without going outdoors.

More than half of the institutions offer smoke cessation clinics to smokers who wish to break the habit. Each participant must pay for the program himself though the colleges provide up to 100 per cent reimbursement for successful applicants.

Both Mohawk College, Hamilton; and Northern College, South Porcupine, have banned the sale of tobacco products on campus.

All said that enforcement of the policy was difficult and was generally left to individual faculty member to monitor.

Sheridan College even went so far as to hire a special security person who was solely responsible for the enforcement of the policy.

Puffer policy to Board

A new smoking policy for Niagara College will go before the President's Operation Committee (POC) Oct. 21. If passed it needs the approval of the Board of Governors to make it official.

The policy will be disclosed if okayed by the POC. The committee comprising Jacqueline Robarts, president; Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration; and Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, will decide whether to pass the policy on Oct. 21.

Mr. van der Slagt expects the policy will be supported. The policy will be presented to the board in late October or early November.

Annarita fills SAC v-p vacancy

Annarita Scremin has been appointed executive vice-president of the Student Administrative Council to replace Brandy Milne who is resigning effective Sunday.

The position of internal affairs will remain vacant following the resignation of Margaret Birney on Sept. 15.

At Tuesday's SAC meeting, Randy Conlon, SAC president, nominated Annarita, financial management student in second-year co-op, saying, "I want her in tonight so that we don't have to wait a month." According to SAC's constitution, the president has the right to appoint someone to the position; Randy did this "instead of a byelection because we are one quarter through the term."

Margaret's reason for resigning was that "SAC has not been approved by the co-ordinator as a suitable placement for the course of human resources management."

Brandy, a business administration — human resources student, was originally under the impression that SAC was an acceptable co-op. Disappointed that she has had to resign, she said, "I'm very, upset about it, I don't think it's fair. I was here for the students not myself.

ANNARITA SCREMIN

Randy offered the position of executive vice-president to AJ Junop who ran against Brandy in last spring's election, but he declined.

All members of the executive voted in a secret ballot during Tuesday's meeting to accept Annarita as Brandy's placement effective 12:01 a.m., Oct. 16.

'Breathtaking'

Randy delivers banner to Ben

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

Randy Conlon, Student Administrative Council president, and Felix Lostracco, social convener, had a coke with Ben Johnson in his living room on Oct. 6.

Randy and Felix delivered the "Congratulations Ben" banner to his Scarborough home and were thrilled when the sprinter asked them in for a few minutes.

But for a while, they had been afraid it would not happen.

Cardboard No Parking signs were tied to trees to keep reporters of the street. The grass on the Johnson property was matted down and the front screen door was ripped off the hinges at the bottom, Randy said.

Randy rang the doorbell. No one answered. They heard movement and rang the doorbell again. This time a big hand was seen and they thought it was Ben.

It was Ben's father. They asked fer Ben but he said he wasn't home. Randy and Felix gave him their SAC business cards and explained to him who they were. Since they couldn't see Ben, they handed the banner to his father and shook his hand. He thanked them and closed the door.

As they were walking down the driveway, they heard the door open. When they turned around, Ben was at the door waving them to come back.

"It was breathtaking," Randy said.

He told them he was happy to get the banner and that it was the only one he received.

The banner, signed by about 2,000 people at the college, was designed to congratulate Ben on his Olympic victoy. Disappointed after hearing he was stripped of his gold medal because of steroid use, Randy said he still supported Ben and wanted to deliver the banner nevertheless.

During the 10-minute conversation, Ben told Randy and Felix that he isn't getting any sleep lately.

"He's huge and really quiet," Randy said. Randy told Ben that Niagara College was still proud of him.

Randy was thrilled to have the opportunity to meet Ben and said he felt "so excited."

Gives direction

New planning policy goes to Board

A planning process has been established to give new direction to Niagara College.

It is based on recommendations from the President's Strategic Planning Task Force, the former President's Executive Council, and the Board of Governors.

The strategic planning process is a way of looking into the future for long-range planning, George Repar, director of research, planning and development, said.

Dr. Tony Knowles, vice president of academics, termed it a process which allows for the gathering of information.

The process is needed to create a vision of the future, Jon Ogryzlo, manager of planning and development, said. It clearly brings the students as the central focus, and it can be exciting if people get behind the vision.

In setting objectives for the college, the process will mean the best programs for students, teacher excellence, good enrolment levels, and a higher quality of student life, he said.

GIVE FOCUS

The process will provide staff and students with a focus to what is important to Niagara College.

In December of 1987, PEC made a commitment to provide major direction to the college through a Strategic Planning Task Force. Since this is "still in infancy," the board is working with the vice-president of academics and the vice-president of administration on the process to first investigate the structure best for the college before a board or committee is formed, Mr.Repar said.

In providing the college with a vision of the future, the strategic planning process will consider several factors: area population trends, college funding, free trade, employment, and the impact of technology.

Within the boundaries of the free trade agreement, for example, the college will be required to ensure graduates are available and skilled to meet future skill requirements, meet industry management specialization, and expansion training needs, assist in the region's agricultural transformation, train for the training and relocation of dislocated workers, promote the transfer of technology through research and collaborative ventures, and plan the delivery of education and training under marketplace realities, a report to the Ministries of Colleges and Universities said.

SAC Contest

The Student Administrative Council is holding a T-shirt design contest and is purchasing Arctic cups and key chains to promote themselves.

The contest is open to all students. The design is up to the students but certain criteria must appear. Details are available at the SAC office.

The Arctic cups, foam coolies to insulate drinks, will have the SAC logo on them.

The key chains have a twist-off beer opener on them and the SAC logo will appear on one side.

Special needs office open in L—7

An office to meet the "special need" of physically and mentally challenged students is now open on the Welland campus in the Lundy building, Room 7.

Funding for the office was obtained through a $3.1 million provincial grant which was distributed among all the Ontario colleges. Niagara's share of the grant was about $95,000.

"The office will provide any kind of service that will enhance students' chances of completing their program successfully," said Bette Ferguson, chairman of the committee on special needs.

"There will be a full-time counsellor to asses and address the needs of students who require a special need. We expect the students to self-identify or make their need known to their co-ordinator."

This year a letter was sent out with the acceptance packages requesting exceptional make their needs known.

A new catagory is being worked into the 1989 student application that will provide the opportunity for those students who are exceptional to identify themselves directly to the registrar's office.

The new office will provide a variety of services, ranging from providing information to providing specialized learning aids, such as, book clamps, tape recorders, and books with extra-large print.

As with any new service still in the process of establishing itself, the office is not without its problems.

"We don't have all our furniture yet, but we are open," said Caroline Nelson, special services officer and graduate of the college's educational resource and special need program.

Editorials

Students trash college halls

Mom doesn't clean up for you here

It appears as though Niagara College has taken on the identity of Sesame Street!

It seems Oscar the Grouch has taken up residence in Niagara College; with all of the garbage around, it would appear that way. After all, Oscar does live in a garbage can and loves to have garbage of all sorts around him.

If the amount of garbage that makes its way onto the floors and not into garbage cans is any indication, Niagara Students must have adopted Oscar's way of life.

Do the people of Niagara really like to have a messy school or do they simply idolize Oscar? Maybe it is just that they are still used to having mom pick up after them. Sorry, guys, mom does not clean the college and the budget does not allow for enough janitors to clean on a daily basis. So it would be really nice if students could pick up after themselves. After all, this is not home and it is not your room; this is a college, a place to learn, and it would be nice to have a clean place to learn, relax and talk to friends.

So there isn't a garbage container beside you every step you take, surely a few extra steps to one would not hurt. Similarly there is no need for flicking ashes or crushing cigarettes on the floor!

Let's be a little more considerate of others and use garbage cans and ashtrays to keep the college a clean place to be.

Shelley Moore

Possibility of college residence

Shot in arm for sagging spirits

The possibility of a future college residence at Niagara was announced by Jacqueline Robarts last edition. The idea is an excellent one.

One of the major complaints expressed in this college is that of sagging school spirit and lack of involvement in extra-curricular activities.

SAC is often at the top of the hit list. Griping students blame them for not having enough activities or for not providing interesting enough events. However, the problem lies much deeper than this. The burden cannot rest on the shoulders of these hardworking individuals. They are trying their best with what they have to work with: a small budget and an apathetic student body.

A residence would not only provide much needed housing for out-of-town students, but it would also unify them in a way that Niagara has never known. Students would be thrown together and forced to interact with people in different programs. The school spirit could not help but thrive in such a stimulating atmosphere. A residence would not only be a learning experience for all but would also breathe new life into the somnolent soul of a college with much promise.

Let us hope that the administration realizes the importance of this project and that financial preoccupations don't overshadow the long-range promise a residence could hold for Niagara.

Fran Yanor

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The life of a pumpkin

Mr. and Mrs. Pumpkin are a welcome sight to everyone searching for the perfect pumpkin. This display, set up on Canboro Road in Fonthill, is done each fall around Thanksgiving and is left out until Halloween. Photo by Julie Slack

CARSA provides counselling

By THERESA BOUDREAU
Staff Writer

One in four Canadian women is sexually assaulted in her life time. Last year 200 women, children in this region were sexually assaulted and reported to CARSA, Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, Niagara Falls.

The average age of a child sexually abused is eight. The facts don't go away — the numbers keep rising. Every 17 minutes a woman gets raped in Canada.

"It is really sad our society still puts the responsibility of preventing sexual assault on women," Cheri Huys, executive assistant and counsellor of CARSA Inc. said.

Ms. Huys believes the problem of sexual abuse is getting worse, and the main reason is, "There are not enough convictions."

The fact is that the conviction rate for rape is two to four per cent. This gives a rapist a 96 per cent chance of getting away with sexual assault.

"The message to a lot of abusers out there is go ahead, it's all right, it's not a serious crime," Ms. Huys said.

CARSA is a non profit organization with a wide range of support programs including counselling, a 24-hour crisis line covering the entire region for victims of sexual assault and incest-abused children; prevention programs for all ages; education programs for schools and community groups; Wen — Do, a self defence course specially designed for women.

Many women who come to the centre were abused as children. Now in their adult life, they are scarred emotionally. The past is interfering with their present life; they have to get control of it, Ms. Huys said.

Accomodate

CARSA tries to accommodate a wide variety of people. For some women, talking face to face, or even talking on a phone with a counsellor is too scary, so they arrange to call or write them once a week.

Unfortunately, a lot of children do not come forward; however, CARSA receives many calls from women 18 and younger, who need information, advice, or just sex education.

"The philosophy and policy of CARSA is to provide non-judgmental support and assistance to anyone," Ms. Huys said.

The agency receives a few calls from men who have been sexually assaulted as children, and offers the same support and assistance as to women. "Unfortunately most of the calls from men are obscene," Ms. Huys said.

Society seems to be influenced by myths and misconceptions about rape and sexual assault such as: when a woman says no, she really means yes; all women want to be raped; every women fantasizes about being raped; nice girls never get raped. The centre addresses all of these issues; this enables women to sort through and understand what has happened to them. It is not their fault.

"It alleviates some of the self blame and guilt they experience when they learn the *facts* about sexual assault," Ms. Huys said.

Special wine raises funds for Centre

The $200,000 fund-raising campaign for Niagara College's new Hospitality and Tourism Centre is off to a great start. If plans are any indications, then the campaign should be a huge success.

To date, a combination dinner/wine-tasting cruise and the selection of a special Niagara College wine have started the fund-raising ball rolling. A fund-raising Vintage Night is planned.

Inniskillin Wines sponsored the Sept. 26 cruise on the Niagara-on-the-Lake-based Senator. Guests tasted from 12 Inniskillin wines as they sailed along the Niagara River. Ninety-two people attended the $30-per-person cruise; proceeds went towards the centre.

The Niagara College wine, being produced by Chateau des Charmes, was selected in September.

Emil Rinderlin, campaign committee chairman, said a cheque for an undisclosed amount will be presented to him by the Professional Chefs Association for the new centre during the introduction of the wine.

Estate Wineries are holding a Vintage Night on Nov. 19 at the Skylon Tower, Niagara Falls. Vintage cars, and 1989 models will be on display. The wineries will have a selection of their wines for tasting. The Niagara College Jazz Band will be playing for the guests' entertainment.

Focus

Diverse career helps job

By MARK TAYTI
Staff Writer

What do you buy Prince Charles for his 21st birthday? Peter Webb knows.

Who won the four by 100-metre relay in the 1959 (or was it 1960) European Games? Mr. Webb knows. He was competing.

When writing a song, is it easier to match the words to the lyrics, or vice versa? Yes. Mr. Webb knows.

A manager, an industrial psychologist, a troubleshooter, an educator — Mr. Webb has all the qualifications he needs to carry out his duties as a liaison to industry for Niagara College.

Mr. Webb knows other things too. He knows what it's like to start a business, only to watch it disintegrate before his eyes.

"We lost everything: our savings, the kids' saving ... the lot."

He knows what it's like to stand in front of 180 students in the Hamilton Room, as a teacher.

Considering

Considering all of the above, perhaps the most useful resource he has tapped over the last 50 years is a thing we call good old-fashioned common sense.

"My father — a smart old bird — used to tell me that God didn't give a man two ears and one tongue for nothing."

Raised in a "working-class" family and working his way up through the ranks of industry make Mr. Webb the perfect choice for solving in-house problems for the private sector.

Mr. Webb was born in Stoke-on-trent, England. The area is known to local folk as "the Potteries".

Eventually he pursued a career in mechanical engineering; he admits that his interest in sports steered him away from getting too involved in academia, but all things come around that go around.

Today, he admitted to having only an "armchair enthusiasm" for sports; but maybe it's because he is so busy as an educator and a liaison officer at Niagara College.

He attributes some of his success on the track to hard work, instilled by his coach, Franz Stamphl.

Beginnings

From a "grass roots" beginning, Mr. Webb worked his way into an administrative position at R.E.H. Kennedy, a world-class "period" furniture manufacturer, in Ipswich, England.

In the eight years that he worked for Kennedy's, he remembers clients like John Wayne, Frank Sinatra, Raymond Burr ... and the Royal family.

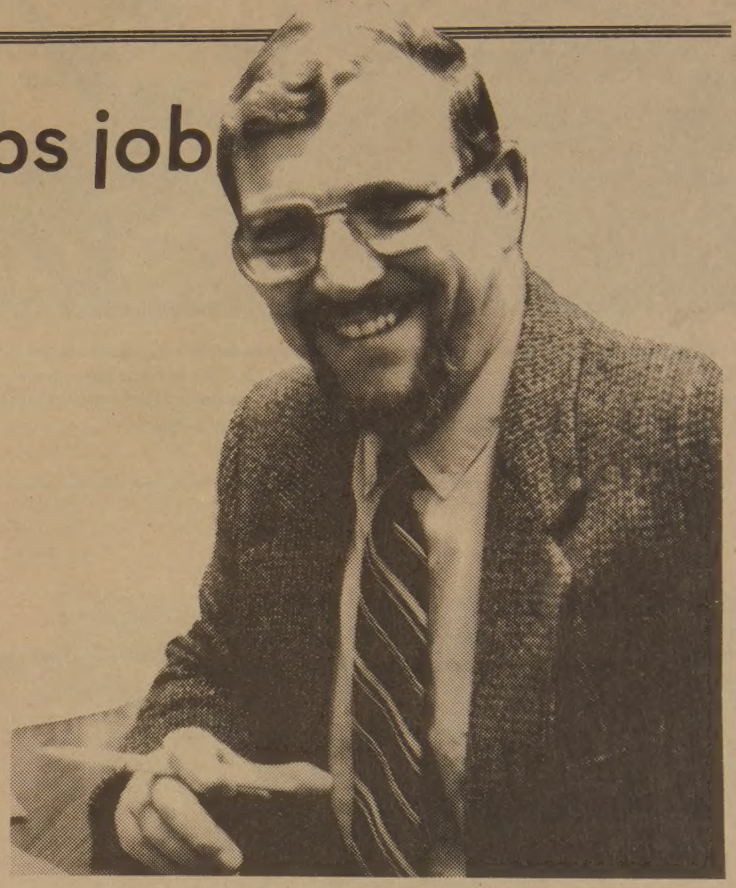
Why then, would someone choose to leave a successful career behind and chase a dream across the Atlantic Ocean?

Mr. Webb knows. He did it.

"You can always earn money, but if you're not healthy and happy ... what's it all for?"

In 1979, the atmosphere for economic opportunity in British Columbia was "very good," Mr. Webb said. "It was during the reign of Premier Bill Bennett, and he was making all sorts of funds available to entrepreneurs."

So, as a founder and president of Kelowna Craftsman Ltd., Mr. Webb began to realize his dream of a North American company with the same high standard of excellence as R.E.H. Kennedy.



PETER WEBB
Photo by Mark Tayti

His idea went from blueprint to production in record time, about a year.

Regardless of his starting time, the race to establish a market was over in two years; and Mr. Webb had lost — everything.

Optimist

Truly the optimist, he got up and dusted himself off.

Mr. Webb arrived at the college three years ago, to teach. About 18 months ago, he became a full time liaison to industry.

Mr. Webb works with the private sector as a troubleshooter for "human resource" problems in industry.

He feels the key to success in this type of liaison work is "flexibility" and a quick reaction time to the needs of each company.

In the grey world of industry, Mr. Webb has a large pool of experience to draw from. It enables him to separate problems down into black and white:

"If management is having problems on a production line, it makes sense to go and talk to the man who works on that line; he knows the job better than anybody."

Lately his office has been flooded with work, and today is no exception.

So, if anyone out there in the private sector is having a problem that could use some immediate attenetion, ask Peter Webb.

He knows.

Privacy guarded by Act

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

The government of Ontario has files of information on everyone in the province. But with Ontario's new Freedom of Information Act, personal information will remain confidential.

Carol-Ann Skey, policy adviser on the Management Board of Cabinet, discussed Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Individual Privacy at a seminar on Sept. 22 at Prudhomme's Hotel in Vineland.

The act came into effect on Jan. 1, to provide open access to government information and to ensure the protection of privacy among all residents of Ontario.

The act enables one to find out what was said about oneself at an interview with a ministry agency, Ms. Skey said. Personal information would be given without permission in the case of a police investigation.

"Any record dealing with a third party that is personal is a mandatory exemption," Ms. Skey said. Such things as trade secrets, scientific formulas, financial records would not be released without the consent of the third party.

Apply

Anyone can apply for information by filling out the correct application form: personal, pertaining to records the government keeps as a standard practice about oneself, or general records about the operation of various agencies and ministries. After the form is filled out and sent to the appropriate institution, it will be assessed by a Freedom of Information and Privacy Co-ordinator.

The co-ordinator for each organization provides assistance in gaining the information required. The process takes the board 30 calendar days upon receipt of the request. Information requested will either be provided or refused with a reason given. Refusals can be appealed to the commissioner, an officer of the Legislative Assembly. Personal information can be corrected, providing a "Statement of Disagreement" accompany the change, Ms. Skey told the audience.

The act covers all Ontario ministries totally funded by the provincial government. Next year commercial institutions which have government representatives on their Board of Governors will also be covered by the act, Ms. Skey said. "The next big push will be the local boards and the municipalities."

Service

A fee is charged for the government service for general records only; personal records are free. The first two hours of the general search are free; beyond this there is a fee. Copies of information are 20 cents each.

The audience, mainly people from business and ministry jobs in the region, listened intently during the seminar. Two 10-minute videos were shown to outline the points made by Ms. Skey. Each person was given a leaflet containing pamphlets explaining the act and two information form applications.

Nicaraguan advocate:

U. S. interference thwarts peace talks

By FRAN YANOR
Staff Writer

"We cannot allow the United States to do whatever it wants. We have to stop these people before it's too late. We must stop them from violating the international laws, and teach them to respect democracy and respect other people," a speaker from Nicaragua told a St. Catharines audience.

Ana Patricia Elvira, a quasi-official of Sandinista government in Nicaragua, was speaking to the Niagara branch of the Latin American Support Group, at the St. Catharines Public Library last Sept. 20.

Mrs. Elvira is on a world-wide tour to promote awareness of the political situation in Nicaragua, acting as a "sort of public relations spokesperson" for the Nicaraguan government.

She said United States support of the Contra rebels has caused damage.

Peace talks between the Nicaraguan government and the Contras were broken off because of the U.S. government.

She said in January this year the Sandinistas and the Contras began their first direct peace talks. Outlined in this agreement were several important compromises. The contras were allowed the following:

1 the right to return to civilian life in Nicaragua

2 the right to create a specific political party

3 the right to participate in elections

In return for this guarantee of total amnesty, the Contras were to discontinue U.S. government finance.

Dates of when the Contras were to immobilize and places they were to arrive at were agreed upon. An international organization would then be there "to verify that all the processes of complete integration into civilian life were adhered to." Both sides were able to agree to more than 60 per cent of the accord. Yet, "in spite of all that, in a cruel mockery, in April, the government of the U.S. gave the Contra rebels $70 million U.S.," said Mrs. Elvira.

This immediately caused a split in the rebel ranks between the people who wanted to stop the accord and take the $70 million and those who wanted to keep working on the peace plan.

"The U.S. wanted to hide the whole thing", she said. Supposedly it(the $70 million) was not for arms. It was for clothing and medicine. In terms of war, what country can fight on arms alone? Aid that an army receives is also military aid."

"Now, the ceasefire continues only on the part of the Sandinistas," Mrs. Elvira said. In five months there have been 34 killings and 72 attacks; less than the last five months, but not a ceasefire."

The peace plan among the presidents of the five central American countries — Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador — is not being compiled with, as a result of the U.S. boycott ot the peace accord. "In our opinion, the U.S. have pressured these governments so they won't continue with this plan."

The government of Nicaragua desires only that the "government of the U.S. does not interfere any more; that they let the Central American countries debate and discuss the problem."

Mrs. Elvira concluded with an appeal to the audience to let their government know how they feel. "We know that you are capable of helping Nicaragua in this necessary search for peace."

LET'S SEE YOU DO IT... OUTDOORS!

Painful experience? Smile, everyone was enjoying the music! This is one of the 23 bands captured on video by the RTV students during the filming of the Grape and Wine Festival 1988 Grande Parade, Saturday, Oct. 1., in St. Catharines. About 65,000 people could watch the parade live on television because Maclean-Hunter and Armstrong cable took video feed while CHCH Hamilton took film footage to be edited and combined with their own commentary to be broadcast later. Photo by Anne Hofsink

NRP officer teaches LASA

Ripe from the field, a Niagara Regional police constable has been seconded to Niagara College as a sessional instructor in the law and security program for the 1988/89 school year.

Wayne Mills, 38, is replacing Kathy Nichol who is on a one-year pre-paid leave.

Mr. Mills has been with the Niagara Regional Police for 12 years. He has been a patrolman, detective in criminal investigation, youth bureau officer, and court officer.

This is the first time an active police officer has been in a full-time teaching role at Niagara. He will teach police courses to second-year students.

Live RTV covers parade

BY ANNE HOFSINK
Staff Writer

The wind whistled through the scaffolding as the Radio and Television students set up for the fourth largest parade in North America.

The Niagara Grape and Wine Festival 1988 Grande Parade began at 11 o'clock Saturday, Oct. 1.

Maclean-Hunter and Armstrong cable took video feed for live television coverage while CHCH Hamilton took footage to be edited and combined with their own commentary to be broadcast later.

dy and hot cashews filled the air as the students worked constantly at putting up scaffolding, laying down cable, positioning cameras, and checking the equipment.

"Set-up went well because we were organized," Mike Burns, the producer, said.

RTV covers the parade every year. The third-year students are in control and use volunteers from the first and second-year for other positions. Mike was producer this year with Brooke Jacobs as director. Larry Taylor, program coordinator; and Leslie Elston, new teacher in the program, were executive producers.

By 9 a.m. people were claiming their positions with deck chairs along the route while they went about their business. Vendors pushed tempting carts down the street.

Freddie the Clown made the day for many excited little children as he stopped to shake their hands.

First and second-year students guided spectators around the back of the scaffolding so they wouldn't interrupt the filming.

Heidi Schurmann and Mitch Lackie enjoyed being the hosts of the parade. "There was so much going on so I was never really nervous," Mitch, second-year student, said. "We were just talking to each other, I love parades," Heidi, a third-year student, said.

"The team worked well together," Brooke said. "When combining a lot of equipment, you are bound to have problems, I was prepared for the worst. There was a microphone feedback problem but I fixed it; don't look back, look forward."

The clouds and the sun played tug of war as the students dismantled the production site with great speed. "Set-up is a lot harder. You have to be more careful," Mr. Taylor said.

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Patti Schmidt stands with Donald Duck outside of the theatre in Walt Disney World where she worked for six months.
Photo courtesy of The Walt Disney Company

Not just another Mickey Mouse job

By JULIE SLACK
Staff Writer

What are the names of the seven dwarfs? When did Mickey Mouse first appear on stage and what was his name? What time is the 3 o'clock parade?

These are typical questions Patti Schmidt, 25, answered when she worked at Walt Disney World for six months.

A graduate of the tourism program at Niagara College, Patti worked at The Epcot Centre for her co-op work term. Her job, which lasted from January until June, was in the Canadian Pavilion working in the theatre. "I had a great time," she said.

While staying in Florida, Patti lived with two other international students, one from Germany, the other from Mexico. The three shared a condominium arranged by Disney World for international students.

Challenging

Patti found her job challenging and enjoyable "not just because of the job, but the people." She met people from several areas of the world.

She had three main jobs. The first was greeting the guests at the door of the theatre. The pre-show area was where she met visitors from around the world and visited the guests during intermission. The third was giving a speech in the theatre. Patti learned to speak to a crowd of nearly 600 people.

Clad in a lumberjack shirt, brown skirt and work boots, Patti found her costume invited guests to ask her questions. "Sometimes you just need to yell when you're dealing with the people." The questions became repetitive but different faces helped to keep the job from becoming tedious.

The job, organized by Wilma Puttee in co-operative education, has been offered to college students for five years. On average, four students accept the job each year. This year, however, Patti was the only one.

Jobs in merchandise, restaurant and theatre are offered. After learning one's own job, "There's no way we want to work in a different place," Patti said.

Seminars

As well as working long hours and catching sleep in brief periods, employees must attend 33 seminars. They teach poise and stress acceptable behavior. "They want a certain uniform look among employees," Patti said. Heavy make-up and large earrings are not accepted.

When she first arrived, she had to learn all the traditions of Disney World. Students are given a test on facts about the park and the cartoon characters. "You are working for a very large company and there are politics involved."

While Disney World is a "neat place to meet people," one must be careful not to become a "Dismoid," someone who lives, breathes and thinks only about Disney World.

Nevertheless, Patti enjoyed her stay. The experience and memories will last a lifetime.

To answer the questions, the seven dwarfs are Sneezy, Happy, Grumpy, Bashful, Sleepy, Dopey, and Doc; Mickey Mouse first appeared in 1928 as Mortimer Mouse; and the 3 o'clock parade is indeed at 3 p.m.

Dowry dollars used for education

By ANN HOFSINK
Staff Writer

Country: India, Language: Kannada

vs.

Country: Canada, Language: English

This contrast portrays the life of Sonia Miranda, student in the fashion arts program.

The 21-year-old has a university degree in commerce from Mount Carmel University in Bangalore, India. She decided to get into fashion because it is more diverse and exciting than straight accounting. Some of her commerce courses relate to fashion — marketing, retail and business administration — and setting up a business.

SONIA MIRANDA

Sonia took her 12 years of school, two years of pre-university, and two years of university in her homeland. After Niagara, she plans to go back to India "where the economy is on the rise," and set up her own boutique.

To come to Canada and finish her education was "extremely expensive", but it is no more than many parents spend on a dowry for their daughters. Sonia preferred to spend it on education.

The Canadian language is "not at all a problem"; she took English in school. She can also speak Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada.

Sonia hopes to see something of Canada and the United States during her stay. She finds Canada "a very nice place", and "the people of St. Catharines are very friendly."

Although this is the first time that Sonia has been away from her home for any length of time, she is not homesick. "I am the type of person who can adjust to anything," she said.

Important Facts About Voting!

The Federal Voting Process For Students

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As students, you must decide whether you consider this to be your family's residence or the place where you are currently living (if they are two separate places).

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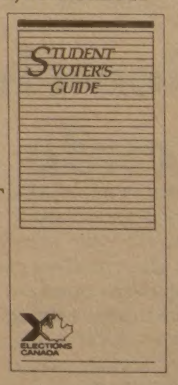


ELECTIONS CANADA

Helping Canadians Make Their Mark.

McClelland recalls authors

By BERNIE PUCHALSKI
Staff Writer

A kilted Farley Mowat staggering down the road in rural Virginia with an empty bottle in his hand. Pierre Burton for prime minister! Jack Mc Clelland's Sept. 28 lecture at Brock University was filled with interesting stories and statements about famous Canadian authors he has known.

About 300 people attended the lecture in which he gave profiles and comment on Margaret Laurence, Farley Mowat, Pierre Berton, Judy LaMarsh and his favorite author, Gabrielle Roy.

Margaret Laurence was a shy, caring person who helped many aspiring writers, he said. She was unable to say no, however, so Mr. McClelland developed a form letter for her to give prospective writers.

He also made a sign similiar to one Farley Mowat had which said "Radio-active Area — Take Care." Mr. McClelland said that Mrs. Laurence hated to appear in public and that it was a "painful ordeal for her."

Farley Mowat is also extremely shy. During book-signing sessions at Eaton's, he would refuse to stay unless he was allowed to keep a bottle of rum nearby.

Mr. McClelland told a story of when he and Mr. Mowat went on a trip to Virginia to build a boat. Late at night in a rural area of Virginia, they put their car in the ditch.

Mr. McClelland went for help and left Mr. Mowat in the car with several bottles of alcohol. When he returned later that night, Mr. McClelland said he saw Farley Mowat staggering down the road in his kilt, empty bottle in his hand, and being trailed by three or four barking dogs.

Prime minister

Pierre Berton is "the most competent person I have ever met," Mr. McClelland said. "He could have been prime minister".

Mr. Berton types with the "hunt-and-peck method," but, at least three of four times, he has typed 150,000 words in two weeks. He has written 38 books and he always plans three books ahead.

"Nobody has told us as much about our past and history as Pierre Berton," Mr. McClelland said.

Margaret Atwood is so bright she is terrifying. Dinner with her is "such an ordeal" that he usually has to have five martinis. "She is so sharp."

He considers that she and Mordecai Richler are Canada's two best living authors.

Judy LaMarsh was an absolutely remarkable person. In her book, Memoirs of a Bird in a Guilded Cage, she "slipped by (her editor) some unkind remarks" about a radio personality in British Columbia and was sued, Mr. McClelland said.

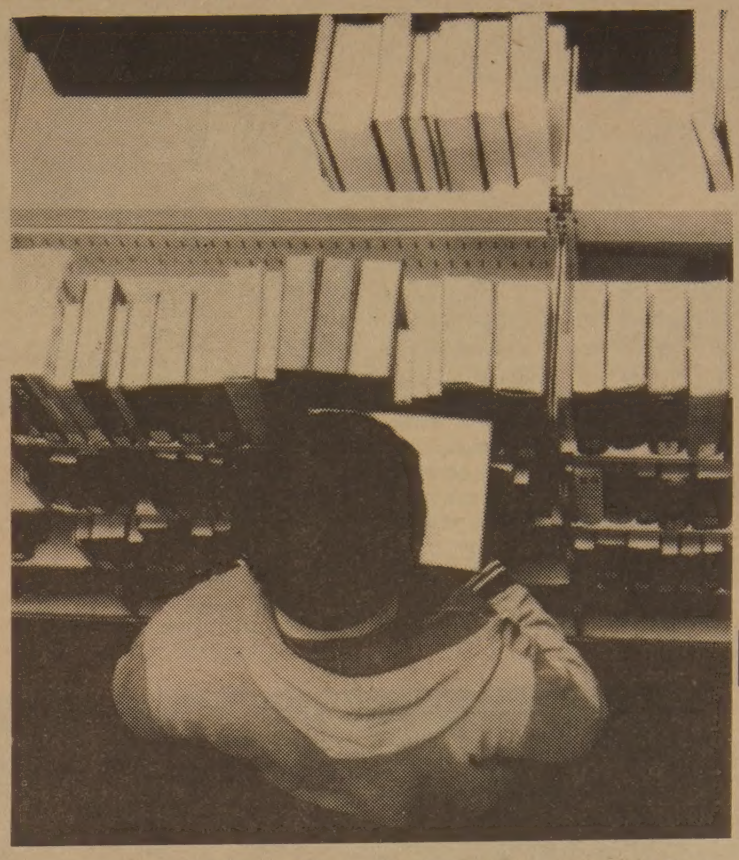
Miss LaMarsh, a lawyer, sat up with the defence attorney when McClelland. When he was called to testify, Miss LaMarsh stage-whispered to him in the courtroom, "Jack, don't be nervous and don't say the word f———."

Mr. McClelland jokingly said that when he writes his memoirs they will be titled Don't Say the Word F———.

Favorite

His favorite author is Gabrielle Roy. She is the only Canadian author to make it big in both English and French. Gabrielle Roy was very shy but Mr. McClelland said he fell in love with her the first time they met. For him, Mrs. Roy is Canada's most important author but he believes most literary professors would name Margaret Laurence.

"I regret spending 42 years in the bloody trade," Mr. McClelland said — but the joys far outweighed the tribulations.



The lives of many authors are often more exciting than the books they write.

College holds conference

Niagara College will be host for the Ontario Community College Students Presidents' Association conference on Nov. 18, 19 and 20 at the Travel Lodge By the Falls — Colonial Inn in Niagara Falls.

Randy Conlon, the Student Administrative Council president, is very excited about the conference. "I'm looking forward to it."

One speaker, Sheila Musgrove, is coming from Red Deer College in Alberta. She is the chairman of Alberta Colleges technical institutes students executive council.

Entertainment scheduled for the delegates attending the conference is to be held at the Aqua-Duck on Friday night. A dinner at the Buttery in Niagara-on-the-Lake is set for Saturday night, followed by a walk to Club Exit in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Writers' excesses tell of alcohol and sex indulgence

Authors were lonely children who substituted books for companions. As they age, however, they over-indulge in alcohol, sex and cigarettes. "All writers do everything to excess," Jack McClelland, former owner and publisher of McClelland and Stewart Ltd., told an audience at Brock University Sept.28.

They also tend to be well informed on everything. They are naturalists, authorities on birds, flowers, and mushrooms. "The only area which authors shy away from is competetive sports, except maybe chess."

Canadian authors are highly nationalistic. "They know where the country has been and where it is going."

Authors are shy and not very self-confident; they have to be told their work is good before they believe it, he said. He said that Farley Mowat and Pierre Berton were two of the shyest people he has met.

If you possess one or more of these traits, there is still no guarantee that you will be published. Of 1,000 manuscripts submitted, only three are accepted for publication. Of these, one will bomb, one will break even, and one will be a success.

Mr. McClelland also offered advice on how to become published. "You need a connection, a known writer who can vouch for you; or, marry a publisher or sleep with one." Although the odds on making it as a writer are slim, Mr. McClelland said it is a very rewarding career if you make it.

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Heckler challenges free trade ideas

Jack McClelland was talking about his "40 years as a bookie" at Brock University the other night. But when the question of free trade came up in the question period, he was told to stop talking rubbish and get his facts straight.

Mr. McClelland, former owner and publisher of McClelland and Stewart Ltd., was responding to a question on how free trade would affect the Canadian publishing industry.

"My concern is primarily the sovereignty issue; Canada will gradually lose its heritage and roots and will become another three states of the United States," Mr. McClelland said.

If he had wanted to be an American, he would have crossed the border. "To hell with it, we don't need it; if America wants to cut off access to their mark ts, we can retaliate."

He said he knew Turner and Mulroney very well and although he wasn't suggesting that Turner would make a better prime minister, electing Mulroney would be saying good-bye to Canada.

It was after these comments that an unidentified distinguished man, in the audience stood up and shouted his comments. In answer, Mr. McClelland mentioned Niagara's farmers and grape growers.

Far from being silenced, his heckler retorted that the grape growers were the most subsidized farmers in Canada.

Mr. McClelland replied that the man was exaggerating. After denying this, the man calmed down and took his seat.

"I make a public offer to transport Brian, Mila and the family to the United States," Mr. McClelland said.

His closing comment to the audience was that he didn't know a single, important Canadian author who supported free trade.

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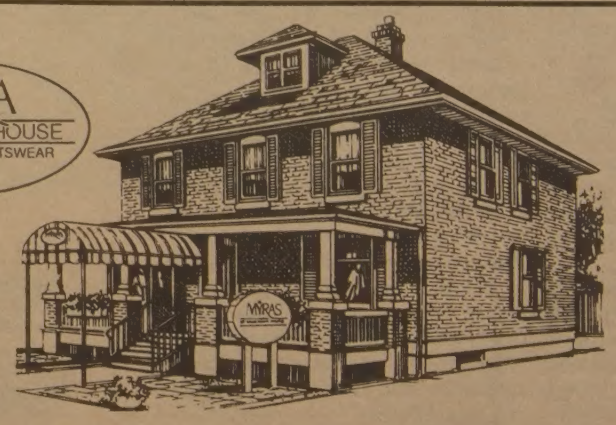

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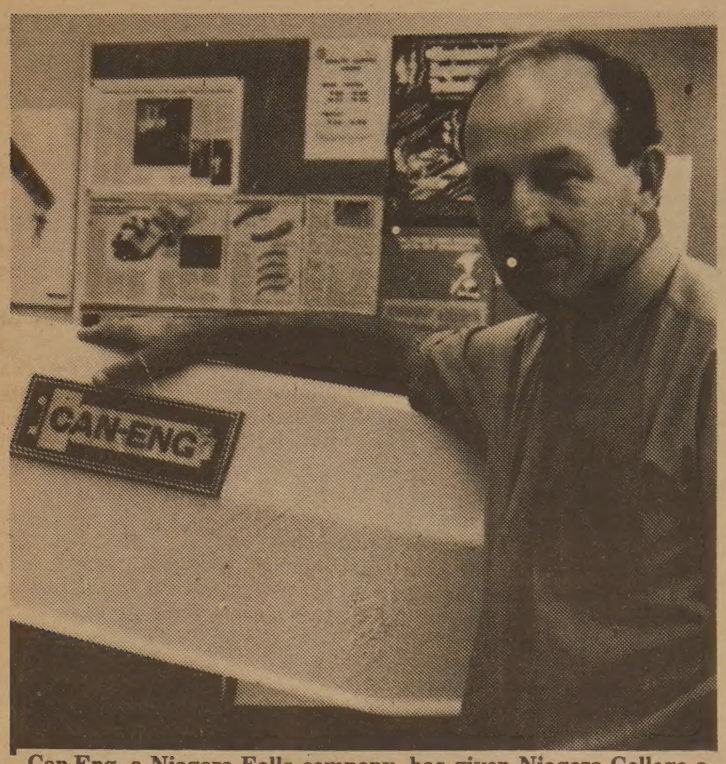

Can-Eng, a Niagara Falls company, has given Niagara College a robot that was previously used as a demonstrator in the company's showroom. Although the unit is eight years old, Nick Ciolfi, co-ordinator in the mechanical/manufacturing program, said, "It's just like new."

Photo by Mark Tayti

Students settling in at Shaw

By TRACY SCHILZ
Staff Writer

Staging a move to the Shaw Festival prevented the final curtain from falling on the Niagara College's Theatre Arts program.

The program, threatened with being cut last spring because of the college budget crisis, has moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake, to the Shaw Festival theatre and Niagara District High School in Virgil.

"Shaw jumped in and saved the program even though they already had a schedule of their own,"Valerie Grabove, program co-ordinator, said.

David Davies, chairman of creative arts and human services, expressed gratitude for "the marvellously innovative proposal by the Shaw Festival which made it possible for the theatre arts program to continue."

The Shaw Festival staff has gone out of their way to give faculty and students a warm welcome, he said.

While everyone rejoices that the program has survived, the move and travelling between two locations have caused some problems.

Most stage and costume works are held in Niagara-on-the-Lake with sound labs and lectures in Virgil at the school.

There is no public transit in or around Niagara-on-the-Lake except two taxi companies with a total of three cars. Students keep them busy with reservations for student taxi pools.

"This move was the best thing that could have happened to us," Gerard Petsche, a second-year student , said. "It's rough right now, but we're working it out."

Students had only praise for the staff at Shaw and Niagara District, and the warm welcome from people of the community.

The Theatre Arts program will present only two performances this year. The children's Christmas production, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, opens Dec. 13 at Brock Playhouse in St. Catharines. and continues Dec. 14 and 15.

Arthur Miller's The Crucible is to have two previews, Feb. 16 and 17 at Shaw, and opens Feb. 21 at Brock Theatre Centre. It will play until Feb. 24.

There is "no affordable housing," Larry Smith, a second-year student, jokes. "Niagara-on-the-Lake is a tourist town." Some students are staying in bed and breakfast accommodation — at a reduced rate — but must move out on weekends for tourists.

From the Maritimes across to British Columbia, there are 39 students in first-year theatre arts; 16 in second-year and four in third-year — which is by invitation and optional.

"We're still going through a transitional period and although each day presents new problems, we find new solutions," Ms. Grabove said.

Mr. Davies said the college is leasing much of the technical and production facility of the Shaw Festival until March 31 each year. Afterwards, there will be block placement for theatre students at Shaw, Stratford and other theatrical companies.

Gift gives lab a lift

An eight-year-old robot given to Niagara demonstrates the advances in robotics technology, and is an asset in teaching the basics.

"It's good for the lab because it complements the other equipment," Nick Ciolfi, co-ordinator in the mechanical/manufacturing program, said.

The robot arm was given to Niagara by Can-Eng, a Niagara Falls company which had no further use for the unit

The "level one" robot can extend its mechanical arm about five feet. It has an 85-pound pay-load capacity, and in 1980 it was worth (new) about $40,000.

Mr.Ciolfi said the robot, although obsolete in a technical sense, is perfect for teaching the basics to his students.

"Now we have two levels of robot, the Level One (which can only pick and place and) the Level Two (a more sophisticated robot)."

STRESS SAFETY

Because robots can be dangerous, training stresses safety. This new arm must meet the same safety requirements here as in the industry; that means restricting its movement within the confines of a steel-framed cage.

"It is important to be able to stimulate industrial conditions," Mr. Ciolfi said. "They are not toys and they demand industrial respect."

8 YEARS AGO

The robotics program was started on a $171,000 grant about eight years ago, but since then both the inventory and the access to new technology have increased, due in part to companies like Can-Eng.

Mr. Ciolfi said robots have not changed much over the years; however, much advancement has been made in computerized control systems and sensory vision.

Robots are an effective alternative for jobs that most of the lâbor force shun because the job is monotonous, dangerous or mentally unfulfilling. He said it is a myth that robots put people out of work; he feels they are probably responsible for creating new jobs.

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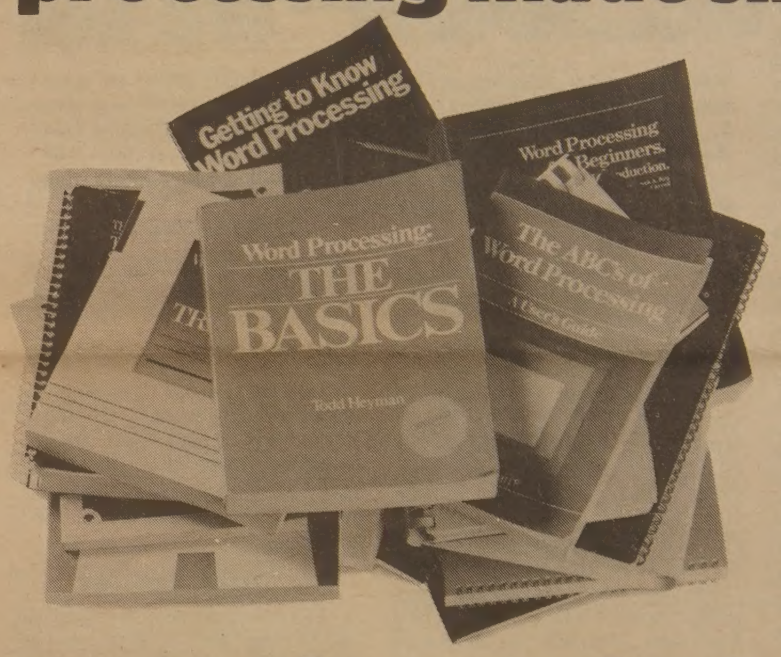

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Clevelend mirrors rock era

By GAIL ATKINSON
and ELAINE WILSON
Staff Writers

The best thing to come out of Cleveland the last few years is ... Clevelend. That is, the eight-piece band that rocked the Student Administrative Council-sponsored pub held in the cafeteria on Oct. 5.

Clevelend describes themselves as a new concept in rock featuring a combination of synthesized/acoustic horn section, piano, power guitar and rock solid bass, and drums with both male and female leads. Together with the music, Clevelend plays tribute to rock legends, donning full costume and make-up, and stage effects, complete with explosions, smoke and elaborate lighting.

They are a seven-piece band featuring leader Pete Zaremba and his sibling partners, Polly and Mike.

Mike Zaremba, member of the band Clevelend, gives an eerie reminder of the legend that was Jim Morrison at the SAC pub Oct. 5. Mike belted out unforgetable tunes like LA Woman and Roadhouse Blues as about 120 people watched in amazement. The band is a theatrical unit specializing in rock impersonations with full costume and explosive special effects.

Photo by Elaine Wilson

Theatrical

Fewer than 120 people were on hand to see the talents of this group, a theatrical unit that takes its name from its hometown.

Clevelend opened the pub with the first of their two-set show with a variety of cover songs including the Eurythmics, I Need a Man and a medley of Rush tunes; Pete illustrated a remarkable likeness to the Canadian band as he belted out Spirit of Radio, Tom Sawyer and Closer to the Heart.

He showed another great talent — playing to the audience. He is an incredible stage personality, comfortable and interesting to watch, showing great stage presence.

At one point, Pete discussed the woes of being a trombone player, and then dazzled the audience with horn mastery, belting out Pete Townshend's Face the Face while standing on pub tables.

The second set, playfully called the insanity set, features the rock anthems of AC/DC, Led Zepplin, the Doors, and Jefferson Airplane with full costume and stage effects.

Accidental

Pete said they came upon the theatrical part of the show accidently.

"To tell you the truth, we started in Texas as a disco band, you know, three-piece suits," he said. "Then someone said for me to do Mick Jagger. I told them there was no way, but when I dressed the part it worked. It was great."

It is obvious that the band has a great time performing, and their energy radiated from them to the crowd enjoying the show.

Clevelend's energy is a tribute to the band's commitment to their craft, and they showed the world just how energetic they were when they set the record in the Guiness Book by playing for 100 hours and 25 minutes of "non-stop rock-n-roll," on April 11, 1986 in Cleveland.

"We started on a Monday afternoon and finished on Friday evening," Pete said. "The first three days were easy."

It must have been an incredible performance if the pub was indicative of Clevelend's talent.

Clevelend began with a tribute to AC/DC, screaming Highway to Hell and For Those About to Rock (We Salute You). Mike did an amazing Angus Young impression, from the bare chest and wildly rocking head, to the trademark pair of shorts.

Lighting accented every movement as smoke sifted the stage; the pop of firecrackers sparked the highlighted points of the crashing musical crescendos.

Polly's performances were a tremendous credit to her talent as she became Jefferson Airplane's Grace Slick, singing White Rabbit as if Gracie herself were on stage; Polly's impression of Tina Turner was uncanny, showing legs thigh high and Tina's schizophrenic henna hair shaking all over.

Brother Mike nailed an eerie performance of the legendary Jim Morrison, with all the charisma and power the Doors lead used to illustrate on the stage.

Clevelend came out with medley tributes to the Who, the Blues Brothers Steppenwolf and two humorous looks at the Rolling Stones and Guns N' Roses.

Pete, dressed as Mick Jagger in football jersey and white football pants with lips flailing, (Stones circa 1983) strutted through the crowd until he found a young girl to woo.

Later in the set, when Polly came out as Madonna, in a trashy wedding dress, the crowd booed expectedly; during her scene, the members of Guns N' Roses came out and expelled her, or propelled her, from the stage. The crowd was wild as they began the raging hit Sweet Child 'O Mine.

Pete attributed the range of music performed in the insanity set to Clevelend's favorite music.

"We like a variety of music — that is why we do so much in the second set," he said. "To the audience, it's just a big party and we couldn't be happier."

He said the second set, based on music from the 60s and late 70s, is popular because the music is timeless.

"Some people yell for stuff like Judas Priest, and sometimes we play it. But we like to play the universal stuff like Zepplin, the Doors and the Who."

Pete credits the band's incredible success throughout Canada to the six musicians with whom he shares the stage: brother Mike and sister Polly, Ben Curlutu, guitar and vocals; Rick Chellmi, drums, percussion and vocals; Bill Teel, keyboards and vocals, and Tony Leslie, trumpet.

"We rehearse our characters for about five minutes," he joked. "We just play, you know; everyone learns their parts and that's it. We've made a commitment to perform and try as hard as we can."

Successful

"We're lucky because we can do everything: we can sing, we can dance, we can act, we can front for the band, and we can entertain."

Clevelend has been able to survive and be extremely successful for more than nine years, and it's because they all enjoy what they're doing.

This group has a ton of confidence and even more talent. They are destined for greatness even beyond their Guiness recognition.

Everything is perfect ... if only they weren't from ... Cleveland?

Foundation picks Complin as first executive director

Charles Complin was recently selected as the executive director of the new Niagara College Foundation by all fundraising campaigns for the college.

Mr. Complin is no stranger to public relations and advertising. He has had 30 years experience in the field. He started as a reporter at the St. Catharienes Standard where he worked for two years before being made new editor of CKTB — Radio, St. Catharines.

Mr. Complin began his public relations career in 1951 when he was hired by the Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co. to set up a personnel and labor relations department. He was the bridge between employee and employer.

"I had to marry employee interests and employer interests and make sure everyone was satisfied," he said.

RETIRED IN 1981

Mr. Complin stayed with the company until 1970 when he became advertising manager and public relations manager for Port Weller Dry Docks. He retired in 1981.

In addition to his work experience, he brings to the college his experience in community activities. Mr Complin is involved in the Rotary Club, was the past warden of his church, and was a director of the United Way.

Mr. Complin said he was delighted when he was approached by the sub-committee earlier this year.

Although the position is strictly voluntary, he does not mind.

"It isn't the money that is important to me," he said. "What is important is doing something worthwhile. The reward is my own satisfaction in doing something productive for Niagara College."

Mr. Complin said he is looking forward to the challenge that the new position will hold. He wants to promote interest in and awareness of the new Niagara College Foundation. He will be responsible for development management and the promotion and implementation of fundraising.

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Sports

Knights work out

Niagara's hockey team is on the ice and working hard preparing for the 1988-89 International Collegiate Hockey League season. The Knights are seen here practising at the Welland Arena as they prepare for their first home exhibition game against Buffalo State Saturday Oct. 15 in Welland.

Hockey Knights lose 1st exhibition game

By BILL SAWCHUK
Staff Writer

Conestoga College scored with five minutes to go to win a scrappy exhibition hockey game 4-3 against the Niagara Knights.

Chris Murray of Conestoga beat Niagara goalie Mark Heagle low on the glove side during a two-on-one break to give the Condors the victory in Kitchener Wednesday night.

The International Collegiate Hockey League game was the first game of the season for the Knights who looked rusty at times.

"It was our first exhibition game and we played a little ragged," Coach Fred Bassi said after the game. However, he gave Conestoga full credit for the win,. "I thought they played decently."

GOOD SAVES

Both Niagara goalies played well. Jim Darling, between the pipes for the first half of the game, and Mark Heagle both made some outstanding saves to help keep Niagara in the game.

In the third period, Conestoga took a 3-2 lead on a goal by Sean McQuigge at the 9:31. Niagara tied the score on a goal by Rod Estabrook after he took the puck on a faceoff won by James Ward and slipped it by Conestoga goalie Terry Davis.

Defenceman Jim Beattie, who anchors the Knights' defence, was the clear winner in a fight during the third period but received a double game misconduct. He came to the aid of goalie Mark Heagle who was chopped at by a Conestoga player while Mark froze the puck.

The teams emerged from the second period tied 2-2 on a Niagara goal by John Pankoff who capped a sweet shorthanded passing play with Rod Estabrook. Conestoga scored later in the period when a screen shot from the point beat Mark Heagle between the legs.

SHORT-LIVED

In the second period the Knights looked as if they had taken a 3-1 lead but referee Bob Laurence called a goal back ruling the puck was frozen by the Conestoga goaltender.

The Knights let some of their frustration with the referee's quick whistle show when Chris Maxwell was ejected from the game for forgetting to turn his mouth off after a hooking penalty.

In the first period, Niagara got off to a slow start but good goaltending by Jim Darling, including an amazing glove save on a breakaway, kept them in the game.

Curlers needed

The Niagara College curling team needs women — women curlers that is.

The team needs two more women curlers to fill its roster for the busy season of bonspiels.

Anyone interested can contact Robert Young in Me100 or Peter Rylander in the Mackenzie Building.

Mr. Young said the team needs two more women to round out the squad. There is a women's team with four members and a mixed team with two women on it. He tries to carry as many people as possible.

"I may lose someone who has showed interest but backed off as the season goes along because of homework or because of other commitments," Mr. Young said.

Tennis pair gets bronze

Pam Spitzer and Ginnette Thivierge brought home a bronze medal from the OCAA Tennis tournament at Mohawk College where they competed in the womens doubles event and set an OCAA time record of 2 hours 35 minutes to play their first match. They defeated St. Clair in the match but that college went on to take the gold in the three-day round robin tourney Sept. 30-Oct 2.

Trish Mason, women's single entry, wrenched her foot midway through her first match but completed her game before being taken to hospital to find torn ligaments and popped tendons. Her leg will be in a cast for some time.

Men's doubles Mike Richardson and Rene Lanoix and men's single Dave Logan played admirably for Niagara but did not make the Sunday finals.

Up to par

Niagara's varsity golf team placed seventh of 14 teams in the 1988 OCAA golf championships Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Toronto. Ten strokes separated the team from a top three position — an impressive showing, said Coach Peter Rylander.

"Four guys and their cumulative totals only missing out by a stroke a round is great golfing," he said. "I am very pleased."

Team members Chris McLean, Normand E. Guay, Mike Gage, and David Morris golfed in typically seasonal weather — from a freezing chill during first-round play to a beautifully sunny, hot second-round — and the results reflected it. Team scores dropped by 10 strokes.

Niagara's first round total was 346, and the second was 336 for a team total of 682.

Durham was first with 643; Seneca second with 666; and Canadore third with 672.

Ben plummets from pedestal

By ERIC BEYER
Staff Writer

There is nothing like sports to really bring the masses to life. Ben Johnson did that to Canada. That first week you could go to any part of Canada and strike up a reasonably intelligent conversation with anyone about Johnson. He polarized the nation's emotion. The drug scandal that has happened to this quiet athlete is tragic — but it is not that tragic, or even that much out of the ordinary. The real tradgedy is what happened around Johnson.

Let us turn back the clock to the weeks preceding the 24th Summer Olympics in Seoul. No sports saga, either in the professional ranks or among the amateurs, had gripped Canada: the Blue Jays were almost competing for the American League East division, but not quite, and the Expos were already out of it. But there was Ben: Canada's very own inherited son. A man who had already set a world's record in the famed 100-metre dash. Canada's sports savior. Unfortunately, there was a blight on the picture of this national mascot: an all-around superb athlete by the name of Carl Lewis. Johnson soundly defeated Lewis when he set his world record in Rome. However, the (hated) American had won the gold medal in the last Olympics in Los Angeles, and had beaten Ben in their recent championship race in Zurich.

During these races Canadians basked in a shallowly trifling view of two nations: Canada, like Ben, is "quiet", while the United States, like Carl, is "brash". Weeks, days, and minutes before their Olympic confrontation, Canada knew that the quiet, modest Ben (the man with humility) would be victorious.

All the pressure heaped on Johnson's shoulder before the race concentrated on one objective: a win for him and Canada. If Johnson had finished only second or third in the final he would have heard, and/or imagined hearing, sniggers behind his back for a while. The pressure to win was considerable.

And he did win — but he cheated (not assuming the unlikely scenario that he was framed). Johnson was not the first gold-medal winning athlete to be sent home from the games for testing positive to banned drugs; yet, his expulsion has generated by far the most media attention. Steroids do enhance performance and many athletes use them. The trick, some athletes will tell you, is not getting caught.

Now Canada's love affair with Ben is over (no more glossy photographs on the covers of television guides of Ben with his shirt off). The blame, however, does not rest solely on him: in part, he was pumped into a superman by Canadians. Now he is a goat.

I'll miss him.

Birdies away

It's badminton season! Once again feathered birdies will be served and smashed over nets in this sport of gruelling intensity and underestimated competition. It's tougher than you think.

Tryouts for a varsity team took place Oct. 4. Those not willing or able to play for the team can still hit drop shots and lobs whenever they feel like batting the birdie. Faculty, staff and their families have the gym in the Mackenzie Building reserved Monday evenings, and arrangements can be made with the athletics department for other times.

The Garden City Badminton Club is holding a fun tournament on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Brock University in St. Catharines for beginner badmintonists — anyone not ranked A, B or C by the Ontario Badminton Association. There will be a celebrity hour with the prowess and finesse of local hot-shots so there will be lots of fun and lots of action. Enter by phone: 227-4242 or 227-1531.

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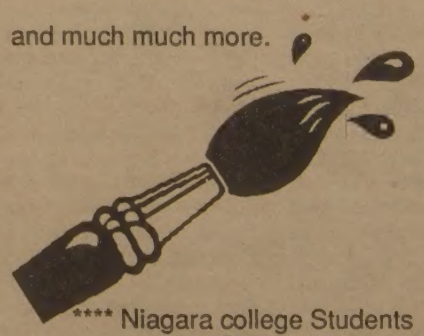

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" EVERYONE NEEDS A HOBBY "

12,000 kilometres from spring at home

By GAIL ATKINSON
Staff Writer

If you think reading Mahube, Golekanye, Kgabo, and Baaitse is difficult, try saying them aloud. Imagine college faculty tripping over the pronunciation of these names during the first few weeks of roll calls.

The four names (and three others) belong to seven students from Botswana who good naturedly and with patience corrected their teachers' tripping tongues. They shook their heads and rolled their eyes more than once but fellow students and faculty soon joined the amicable bunch from Botswana smiling at the mispronunciations.

The Batswana are, alphabetically, Richmond Mahehe, Bome Matshaba, Kgabo Modibedi, Golekanye Molapisi, Baatitse Molapo, Mahube Mpugwa, and Maria Pule.

Happy to be here! Although a long way from home, these first year international journalism-print students are enjoying Niagara College life. Pictured left to right, first row are: Kgabo Modibedi and Mahube Mpugwa. Standing in the second row are: Bome Matshaba, Richmond Mahehe, Louis Daniel, Maria Pule and Baaitse Molpo. All are form Botswana, Africa except Louis who comes form Antigua in the Caribbean. Absent form photo is Golekanye Molapisi, also from Botswana.
Photo by Gail Atkinson

Farming

At Niagara studying Journalism-print, the group of seven have fitted into college life just as every student does. The only difference is that these students travelled through eight time zones and about 12,000 kilometres to study!

Botswana is a land-locked republic with safari-type terrain directly north of South Africa. The capital city is Gaborone and the population is about 1.1 million. People from Botswana are called Batswana. Seasons fall opposite in the southern hemisphere so back home in Botswana, families of farmers are preparing for plowing season(spring). Primarily a farming economy, there are more cattle(and animals overall like lions, elephants and giraffes)than people in Botswana.

A traditional cycle of life, or three side system consists of cattle posts, village and land posts. Batswana live in villages until plowing season when they move to the land. Men plow, then move to cattle posts to tend herds. Women perform weeding, seeding and harvest. In 1971, land boards were established to allocate purchasing and management of land to avoid monopolization of ownership and control of labor.

Male-dominated

Young people attend elementary and high school just as Canadian kids do and some go to university. Some stay on the farm and many migrate to high paying jobs in South Africa. According to the students here, there are more male Batswana in South Africa than in Botswana.

Women do not smoke, and dresses or skirts are the accepted norm rather than slacks. There is a bride-price that grooms and fathers negotiate before weddings. "Women are making too much noise all over the world," Golekanye and Kgabo laughed when questions came up about women's rights and equality. In a traditionally male-dominated country, Batswana women share in the responsibilities of farm and family and are becoming a visible minority in fields of education and government.

The Batswana at Niagara were nominated by a government agency to study journalism-print which is not offered in their country. For each year of study here in Canada, the Batswana must fulfil a year of employment for the government — most likely the news agency — upon their return. A percentage of their pay cheques will be automatically deducted to cover the cost of their government-sponsored education.

Staying busy at school has prevented homesickness, but the assignments are not as demanding as their university studies were back in Gaborone.(The admission, however, is certainly not intended to solicit extra assignments — the present workload is adequate, thanks, according to them!)

How do they feel about these cold and getting-colder mornings? "I'm scared," chuckled Maria; "I'm thinking of going and buying a coat! They told us winter didn't start until November or December!

And how does the wacky Welland night life compare with groovy Gaborone? Maria said, "It's very quiet here" compared to the boogie-woogies of Botswana. She is disturbed by a "total lack of neighborhood here. The other guy (neighbor) minds his own busines, you can't even go next door and say hello."

For class assignments, the Batswana interviewed a Canadian to determine social values and interpretations and discovered that minding one's business is a common Canadian trait. They learned that neighbors of 10 years had never been in each other's homes! At school, Mary and the others have found people to be very friendly when approached and because of their likeable, friendly natures, they have met lots of people.

Better understanding of other cultures and nations expands perpective and contracts the incredible size of our planet. Making the world smaller through interaction and education is one of the fundamentals of international student programs. The Batswana at Niagara College may have names difficult for Canadians to pronounce, but they have goals and ideas that are universally understood. They are giving us an insight about themselves and their country.

Bargain book sale

Books, books, books will be cheap, cheap, cheap at the annual Book Sale in Niagara College's cafeteria on Oct.29.

The proceeds of the sale go to seven high schools in Welland, Fonthill and Port Colborne as $300 scholarships for girls going to university. Any money left over goes into the community as donations to various charities. The main use of the funds is the scholarships.

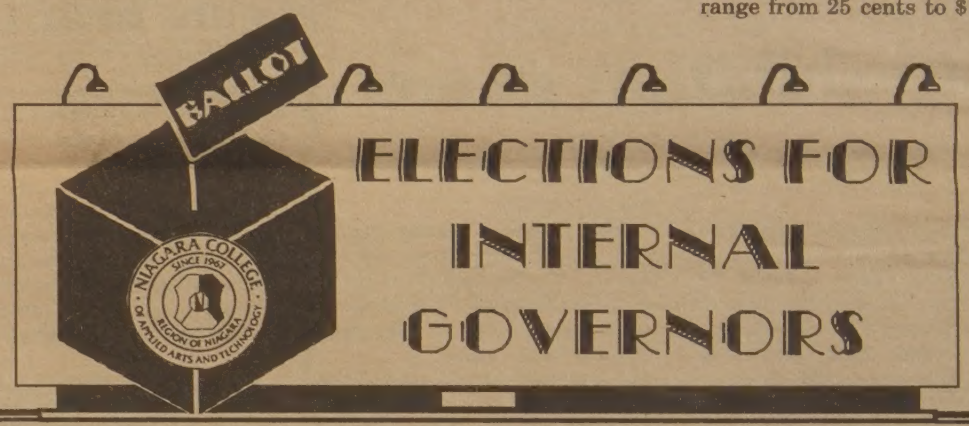
This will be the 18th year for the sale. Books are donated by people in Welland, Fonthill, and Port Colborne.

JUST WONDERFUL

"The people of Welland and Fonthill are just wonderful," Carol Kant said. "The sale has always been a success." Ms. Kant is the convener who was once the co-convener and convener of the Welland University Women's Club.

The gathering fo the books and the sale are conducted by members fo the Welland University Women's Club. At least 20 members work in the cafeteria on the day of the sale, either selling the books or separating them into the different categories of comics, textbooks, historical books, records, magazines and novels.

Prices of the books are based on the original cost of the book and range from 25 cents to $1.



Niagara College will be conducting elections for two internal members of the **Board of Governors** representing **Administrative Staff** and **Students** to take office January 1, 1989 for the following terms:

Administrative Staff - Jan. 1, 1989 to Dec. 31, 1991
Student - Jan. 1, 1989 to Dec. 31, 1989

Nominations will take place from **October 24, 1988 to November 7, 1988.** Nomination forms together with information about the number of meetings and the role and responsibilities of Governors will be available at all campuses as well as the office of the Executive Secretary to the Board. Each nomination will require two seconders from the nominee's constituent group.

Campaigning will begin November 8, 1988 and will end Novelmber 21, 1988. **Elections will be held November 22, 23, and 24, 1988.**

Ballot packages will be mailed to all administrative staff. Students can obtain ballot packages at all campuses. Ballot boxes will be located at all campuses and voting will take place between the hours of **10 A.M. to 12 Noon and 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.** on the above dates. **Continuing Education students** registered in a program leading to a diploma or certificate will be able to vote between the hours of **6:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M.** in the Continuing Education Office in Hennepin Hall (H-21) on the Welland Campus or the Second Floor Office at the St. Catharines Campus. Ballots may also be delivered to the Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board.

Strict confidentiality will be maintained using two ballot envelopes, one inside the other. Once the voter has been verified, the outer return envelope will be separated from the return envelope to ensure the secrecy of the ballot. All votes will be checked for validity.

All full-time and part-time administrative staff employed at Niagara College as at November 1, 1988 will be eligible to vote. All full-time and part-time students registered in a program leading to a diploma or certificate and attending the college as at November 1, 1988 will be eligible to vote.

Keep an eye on bulletin boards for notices regarding ballot box locations.